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1. AT MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19-20, ECG REACHED FULL AGREEMENT ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM AND DRAFT OECD COUNCIL DECISION ESTABLISHING NEW ENERGY AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT. ALL OUTSTANDING MEASURES OF SUBSTANCE, INCLUDING VOTING, TRIGGER LEVELS, FINANCING KEY, ETC., WERE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY. NORWAY ACCEPTED THE AGREEMENT ON THE SAME AD REFERENDUM BASIS AS OTHERS, BUT ITS ADHERENCE CLEARLY POSES DISTINCT PROBLEMS.

2. PROCEDURE AND TIMETABLE FOR BRINGING AGREEMENT INTO FORCE AND FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ENERGY AGENCY IN OECD WAS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23: ELGAL SCRUBBING UP OF TEXT.

(B) CONSIDERATION OF TEXTS BY GOVERNMENTS.

(C) ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL CONTACTS WITH NON-ECG MEMBERS OF OECD TO ASCERTAIN WHICH MIGHT DESIRE TO BECOME CHARTER MEMBERS IN IEP AND LOBBY FOR POSITIVE OECD COUNCIL ACTION ON DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION RELATING TO IEP.

(D) NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 29, 1974, THE GOVERNMENT OF EACH ECG-MEMBER COUNTRY WILL OFFICIALLY INFORM THE CHAIR OF THE ECG:

(1) OF ITS POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT AND TO PUT IT PROVISIONALLY INTO FORCE AS OF OCTOBER 29;

(2) OF ITS DECISION AT THIS STAGE TO REQUEST THE OECD COUNCIL TO ADOPT A DECISION, WHICH, INTER ALIA, WOULD ESTABLISH THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY, AND TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF SUCH PROPOSAL AND IN FAVOR OF ADOPTION OF THE PROGRAM BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE AGENCY;

(D) OF THEIR INTENTION TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT, AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT IN CONFIRMITY WITH THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

(E) IF OECD COUNCIL HAS NOT APPROVED THE DRAFT DECISION BY A DATE TO BE FIXED (MID-NOVEMBER), THE ECG WILL MEET TWO DAYS LATER TO AGREE ON HOW THE PROGRAM WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION.

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3. THIS PROCEDURE AND TIMETABLE WERE CAREFULLY NOEGOTIATED TO ENSURE THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE FULLY BINDING ON GOVERNMENTS AND WILL STILL MEET SPECIAL CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL NEEDS OF SOME COUNTRIES, I.E., JAPAN'S STRONG DESIRE TO BECOME BOUND TO AGREEMENT THROUGH OECD COUNCIL DECISION IN ORDER TO AVOID SUBMITTING IEP TO DIET. THIS FORMULATION ALSO MEETS OUR INSISTENCE THAT ECG COUNTRIES

MUST HAVE FIRM POLITICAL AGREEMENT AMONG THEMSELVES
BEFORE SUBMITTING DRAFT DECISION TO OECD COUNCIL SO
THAT IF REQUIRED UNANIMOUS COUNCIL DECISION IS NOT OBTAINED
PROMPTLY, WE WOULD HAVE PRIOR AGREEMENT TO PROCEED TO
CARRY OUT AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISH IEP OUTSIDE OECD.

4. MEETING WAS MARKED BY VERY FIRM AND VISIBLE RESOLVE
ON PART OF ALL DELEGATIONS, EXCEPT NORWAY, TO CON-
CLUDE AGREEMENT AND PUT IEP INTO PLACE PROMPTLY. WE
RECEIVED SOME QUESTIONS ON PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION OF
BIF FIVE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 28, PRESS LEAKS ON
WHICH APPEARED WHILE MEETING IN PROGRESS. THIS DEVELOP-
MENT DOES NOT, HOWEVER, SEEMED TO HAVE STRAINED ECG ATMOSPHERE.
SOME OF THE SMALLER COUNTRIES (BELGIUM, DENMARK, NETHER-
LANDS) SAID THAT THE CAMP DAVID MEETING WILL SLOW DOWN OR
EVEN JEOPARDIZE RATIFICATION OF THE IEP BY GOVERNMENTS
AND PARLIAMENTS. BUT THE INITIAL IMPACT APPEARS TO BE
REVERSE, AS THE ECG COUNTRIES TRY TO KEEP THEIR HAND IN.
THIS ASPECT WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL MONITORING. FIRESTONE

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